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People & Places

Denny Griswold postcards from Rome his itinerary thru Hawaii, Japan, Hong Kong, Thailand, the Philippines, India, Pakistan, Kashmir, Turkey, Greece and Italy... Lee Pitt now with Los Angeles Mirror and Daily News as a staff writer on general news assignment, formerly with Houston Press... Ralph Salazar flew down to San Juan to cover the dedication of the new International Airport at San Juan for the UP. His son Paul is now Airman Third Class at Sedalia Air Force Base, Mo.... Roberto Esquenazi-Mayo of the *Life* in Spanish board of editors will teach U.S. Cultural & Social History at the University of Havana in July... Published this month is Eliot Elisofon's "The Art of Indian Asia" by Pantheon in the Bollingen Series, with over 300 photographs of temples, sculptures and frescoes in India and Cambodia... Herald Trib record editor Herb Kupferberg hit the June issue of "High Fidelity" with that mag's first short story titled "The Day They Almost Got My Number." ... Dorothy Fischer will be working at "Mont Lawn," the Christian Herald children's home at Nyack during July and August... Louis Lochner has an article on "Journalism as a Career" in the June issue of *This Day*... Look's Bill Attwood has joined the exodus to Fairfield County by moving to New Canaan, Conn... Margaret Bourke-White, winner of an award from the Art Director's Club for "Distinctive Merit in Editorial Art" for her photo-essay on the Jesuits in *Life*, generously suggests other OPCers may have won awards. If so, we'd like to hear and tell about them. ... H.A. Moore, of Dayton, Ohio, who is Gene Symond's uncle, writes a thank you note to the whole club... Bob Trout, en route to cover the UN Atoms-for-Peace Conference in Geneva for CBS, is convinced the London strikers made their biggest attempt to stop the Queen Elizabeth from sailing from Southampton to



LUNCHEON OF THE OPC PARIS GROUP AT THE HOTEL CLARIDGE, CHAMPS ELYSEES, JUNE 18, 55. Wythe Williams (in front on right, then clockwise); Paul Ghali; Ansel E. Talbert; Bernard S. Redmont; Eric Hawkins; Bertram Perkins; Richard L. Henschel; George W. Herald; Paul Winkler; Edward M. Korry; Curt L. Heymann.

Club Calendar

Wednesday, July 6 — Reception for U Nu, Premier of Burma, 6 to 7. Buffet.

Thursday, July 7 — Luncheon in honor of Clare Booth Luce. (Members only). 12:30 p.m.

(Thursday, July 7 — Name plaque for John Graham Dowling will be dedicated in library before luncheon)

Tuesday, July 12 — Rikhi Jaipal, Indian member of the UN Trusteeship Council will discuss the work of the Council. Cocktails, 6 p.m.

Monday, July 25 — Luncheon in honor of Mayor Robert S. Wagner, 12:30 p.m.

New York in time for him to make the eastbound trip. He's going by way of Spain... Dr. and Mrs. Allan Roos (B. Mathieu) and children left this week for

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NEWSPAPER EDITORS REJECT CENSORSHIP

A Washington newsman told the government the press would not go along with the new Defense Dept. policy of stricter news controls.

J. R. Wiggins, managing editor of the Washington Post and Times Herald and chairman of the Freedom of Information Committee of the American Society of Newspaper Editors, issued the statement in answer to a Defense Dept. PR chief. The government man had asked editors to refrain from printing information that was unclassified but which might prove helpful to Russia, according to a United Press story carried in New York by the World Telegram and Sun on June 22.

Mr. Wiggins replied that newspapers "consented to an orderly, carefully defined, voluntary censorship in two wars." He said they will "continue to cooperate voluntarily in safeguarding classified information involving the country's military security." But he added:

"I am equally certain that they will not join in a conspiracy, with this or any other administration, to withhold from the American people information which citizens need in order to make sound judgments on national policy."

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PROGRAM COMMITTEE PLANS PREVIEWS AND PREMIERES

The new Alfred Hitchcock movie "To Catch a Thief," set in Cannes, will be previewed for OPC members in the latter part of the month, announces Will Yolen, chairman of the sub-committee on movies of the Program Committee.

Cable from Buenos Aires

"Commander in Chief of the Forces of Repression, Gen. Franklin Lucero's command extended to the Presidential Press Secretariat which was clearing all releases thru him for a time while Peron set up temporary offices at his residence in Palermo Park and redistributed government departments from damaged offices. Reorganization failed to help the scores of foreign correspondents who flooded in belatedly on Monday, June 20 (on the first planes allowed to land) to reinforce resident press corps. None could file because none had credentials and press secretariat which normally issues them said it no longer had function and it had not been transferred to any other agency ... Four correspondents, disregarding handicap, were picked up by maritime police briefly on June 22 inspecting San Ignacio church but released soon there-

The movie stars Grace Kelly and Cary Grant.

The preview is in line with the new policy of the Program Committee to obtain previews of important pictures at least once a month. Also planned are premieres to benefit the club.

On the list of movies upcoming for August is "Love Is a Many-Splendored Thing." The story concerns a foreign correspondent in Hong Kong, starring Jennifer Jones and William Holden. It is a 20th Century-Fox picture.

Correction

The list of applicants carried on the last page of last week's Bulletin (June 25) should have been listed as new members whose applications have been approved. Apologies and congrats!

after. They were Phil Payne, Time; Han Walker, Life; photographer Jesse Sabin, NBC-TV; and Robert Lindley, NBC voicecaster."

Other Notes on the Press and the Revolution:

Douglas Blanchard, Toronto Star correspondent, was arrested while photographing the revolution June 16, held until early morning June 18 when Canadian ambassador got him out of jail. In prison he had to go without food or water for 36 hours and would have been there longer if Roman Catholic prisoners hadn't smuggled out a message saying Blanchard was in jail with them.

At noon on June 16 all cable communication between B.A. and the rest of the world were cut off a few hours after the revolt began. A few hours later telephone communications were cut off, too. The first AP dispatch to get thru after the blackout was a brief official statement on number killed and wounded. It was filed early Friday a.m., didn't reach NY till mid-afternoon. Douglas Clark of Reuters for the first eyewitness story thru; it was made available to the AP before communications were restored under censorship. Sam Summerlin of AP probably had the most graphic description, beginning "I was strolling through the noonday crowds past the metropolitan cathedral when it happened. A plane suddenly zoomed out of the gray overcast and an explosion ripped thru the air with the suddenness of a thunderclap. The crowd around me stood bewildered... then they scattered in panic."

(from Herb Clark)

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WELCOME TO INVADING PRESS ARMY

Thanks to Joseph Q. Riznik, who responded by airmail with picture and copy to the Bulletin editor's plea for material, we know that the OPC-Press and Union League Club committee had quite a program for the 926 men and women of the press accredited to the San Francisco tenth anniversary of the United Nations.

OPCers were given full use of the PULC facilities and were shuttled between the Press Club and the UN meetings at the Opera House by a fleet of eight cars. They were also guests at a cocktail party June 22 given by the Press Club and the Mayor's Committee for the UN Commemorative Celebration; on an evening boatride on San Francisco Bay aboard the "Harbor Queen" with buffet dinner served aboard; at a second Press Club party June 24 and as guests at "gang" lunches and dinners of the Press Club for Dag Hammarskjold, Dr. E.N. van Kleffens, Krishna Menon and Carlos P. Romulo.

From the Chronicle, David Hurlburt's column reports "A new no-profit, cultural, drinking and reminiscing national alumni society" was born here day before yesterday. Name: XCBS. Anyone may join just so long as he's an alumnus of CBS. First protem head, elected unanimously, is ex-CBSer Matt Gordon, chief press liaison officer of the U.N. All other members are vice-presidents. Among those eligible for vice presidencies, the official announcement stated, are Quincy Howe, William Winter, Chet Huntley, Robin Kinkead, Elmer Peterson and H.V.

Kaltenborn.

"The organizing board met in closed circuit," the announcement continued, "AT THE SUMMIT shortly after midnight Sunday... The decision was made to

reserve the honored title of 'Member of XCBS' to designate the bored chairmen." What is more, the organizing committee, in a spirit of extraordinary generosity, declared that any vice president who returns to CBS will "automatically be entitled to call himself, and be called, an ex-vice president of XCBS."

PARIS NEWSLETTER

Founder-President *Wythe Williams* returned to Paris after an absence of 19 years and gave a luncheon to local OPCers in the Hotel Claridge (see picture) on the Champs Elysees on Saturday, June 18. He was back from Evian where he had represented the OPC at the Biennale de l'Information and he brought news that our late member Bob Capa had won a posthumous award for best photography, a cash prize of 500,000 francs, which will go to members of Bob's immediate family.

Vice president *Ansel E. Talbert*, in town to cover the Le Bourget air show, took time off to attend the luncheon, the first affair of its kind in local OPC history and, according to unanimous opinion, the most pleasant gathering of Paris OPCers to date.

Eric Hawkins, managing editor of the Paris edition of the NY Herald Tribune, was honored with a testimonial dinner at Pre Catalan in the Bois de Boulogne to mark his 40th anniversary with the paper. He joined it in 1915 and has been its m.e. for 31 years. One hundred fifty guests were present including Ambassador Douglas Dillon. Leon Brasseur represented the Quai d'Orsay.

Preston Grover on a worldwide trip...

Marc Purdue on home leave in the States ... *George W. Herald* returned from NY with new magazine assignments... *Pierre Lazareff*, on a visit to South America, scooping with the publication of a Peron interview just in time for the Buenos Aires revolt... *Art Rosett*, publisher of the Moroccan Courier, passing thru on a flying visit from Casablanca to the Continent... *Ed Korry* back from Belgrade.

The Anglo-American Press Association elected Paul Archinard, NBC, president; *Paul Ghali* and Geoffrey Hoare, vice presidents, and *Eric Hawkins*, secretary.

For the first time since World War II, correspondents from Japan and the Soviet Union were elected to the executive committee of the Foreign Press Assn. They represent Tokyo Ashai Shimbun and Tass.

The American Embassy, under the auspices of USIS, has published a new 90-page directory of correspondents, publications, press services, wireless and cable companies, government agencies and international organizations based in Paris. The comprehensive edition lists in addition to France and the USA 19 countries but none from behind the Iron Curtain. (from *Curt L. Heymann*)



Behind the Black Cat: What OPCers had to say at the San Francisco Press Club's "Gang Dinner" remains forever off-the-record in the tradition of the Black Cat, symbol of the Club since 1898. Seated at head table: Quincy Howe, Pierre Huss, Frank

Bartholomew, Pauline Frederick, James Abbe, William Winter, (co-host with Abbe) H.V. Kaltenborn, Lawrence Spivak. Standing: R.L. Duffus, Elmer Peterson, Larry Lesueur, Paul Speegle, John Cameron Swayze, Chet Huntley, Bill Henry, E.P. Morgan.

BERKSON REPORTS ON PROSPERITY IN EUROPE

The continent of Europe has entered a new phase of prosperity bringing higher living costs and demands for higher wages, according to Seymour Berkson, general manager of the International News Service.

He addressed club members on Tuesday, June 28, on his return from a swing thru England, France, Belgium, Yugoslavia, Greece, Turkey, Israel and Egypt.

In a crisp, factual talk that kept members interested beyond the usual length of time, Berkson told of questioning all layers of society in the countries visited. He found Americans least popular in England and France and noted that popularity increasing as he traveled east.

Great contrasts between Yugoslavia and the western European countries were observed by the news agency chief, political as well as economic, and he described the feeling of greater freedom travelers experienced as they flew over the border into Greece.

Praising Greek and Turkish independence of the USSR, Berkson said that their contributions to the NATO were enormous — the Turks alone having contributed 28% of all troops. He found great progress in Turkey and a keen interest in the United States.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS

BOOK: K.S. Giniger, chairman, Simon Michael Bessie, White Burnett, Bennett Cerf and Victor Weybright.

LIAISON: Hal Lehrman, chairman,

US DECLASSIFYING ATOMIC SECRETS AT GENEVA PARLEY

by Ruth Lloyd

The US has a "full bag of tricks" on peacetime uses of the atom for the Geneva technical conference Aug. 8-20.

Admiral Lewis L. Strauss told an OPC luncheon June 24 that, while the AEC had released material "as fast as it was able to," a "flood of material" is being saved for the 64-nation parley of nuclear experts. The AEC doubled the amount of nuclear fuel (not weapons grade) allocation for 22 friendly nations to speed research for use in industry, agriculture and science, Mr. Strauss announced.

He supplemented his prepared address with these points in replying to questions:

Commercial use of atomic power may be expected within the next ten years.

Denied that American journalists could be jailed for violating AEC secrecy classifications "except for intent to injure the US."

Denied that AEC secrecy policy harms US industry.

Said, wistfully, (after an active interchange) that it was always possible to find an audience for criticism but seldom for commendation; and, jestingly, that he thought Con Ed was a "good, long range stock investment."

John Barkham, Cecil Brown, Emanuel R. Freedman, Burnet Hershey, Ruth Lloyd, and Cornelius Ryan.

SPECIAL BENEFITS: Madeline Ross, chairman.

CLASSIFIEDS

WRITER'S HIDEAWAY — Tiny furnished cottage 1 hour from Columbus Circle, foot of High Tor, Rockland Co. Summer \$500. Year \$900. Chester Hope SC 4-3545; New City 4-5489.

PROVINCETOWN — Small apartment and nice rooms in old Cape Cod house. Parking beach. Reduction for two-weeks stay. Mary Heaton Vorse.

APARTMENT — Sheridan Sq. vicinity. Sublet July 15-Sept. 1, 2 rooms & separate kitchen, bath. 2nd floor walkup. Bill Reasonable rent. CHelsea 3-8564 before noon.

PEOPLE & PLACES (Ctd. from p. 1) London, Paris, Geneva, Antibes, Rome and Ischia and plan to return to New York early in September... Henry Shapiro led a discussion on "Problems of News Coverage of the Soviet Bloc" at a conference held at and by the Fletcher School of Diplomacy with the World Peace Foundation. His wife, Ludmilla Nikitina Shapiro, addressed the concluding session. She has been appointed a Fellow of the Russian Research Center at Harvard for the forthcoming academic year. Henry suggests the OPC arrange a similar seminar next year at which the problem could be discussed. Inc. New member Helen Waterhouse of the Akron (Ohio) Beacon Journal won two prizes recently: the Big Story Award on the Pall Mall show and highest honors in the "news story in daily paper" classification of the National Federation of Press Women's annual writing contest for her story of the Sheppard trial.

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